

## Walk Carefully - cont.

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5:15; and, 1 Thessalonians 5:2.

Strict precision is also a part of the meaning of this word (see Acts 22:3; 23:15,20; 24:22; 26:5). Christians are to walk – live their life – with careful accuracy and precision. Do you do this?

### Walk Carefully

How does a Christian show carefulness in his or her walk. Well, a Christian will be careful not to walk loosely without fixed principles, but according to God's rules (Matthew 4:4). A Christian will be careful to do all of God's word (Matthew 23:23). A Christian will be careful to avoid the enemy (1 Corinthians 10:12). A Christian will be careful not to fall asleep (Romans 13:11-14). And, a Christian will be careful to maintain good works (Titus 3:8).

Let's go out today and walk carefully on our way to heaven.  
- Chris Reeves -

## Sentence Sermons

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- The life of a Christian is not a sprint; it's a marathon.
- A mature Christian will use the bricks (criticism) thrown at him to build more character.
- The reason that this world does not satisfy is because we are actually made for another world.
- The difficulties of life should make us better, not bitter.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

*Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; redeeming the time, because the days are evil.*  
- Ephesians 5:15-16 -

### **The Way and the Walk**

Yes, Jesus said he is “the way” to heaven: “*I am the way, and the truth, and the life...*” (John 14:6).

But, the walk of the Christian must be careful along “the way” to heaven. Paul wrote that Christians must walk “carefully” (Ephesians 5:15).

Many Christians, of course, want to go heaven. But, they are not walking carefully along the way. It is not enough to know the right way, one must walk carefully along it. For example, Adam and Eve were not careful with their desires (Genesis 3), David was not careful with his eyes (2 Samuel 11), Peter was not careful with his allegiance (Matthew 26),

and Judas was not careful with his greed (John 13).

### **Look Carefully How You Walk**

When Paul wrote that Christians are to walk “carefully”, what did he mean. Consider the broader context of this statement in Ephesians 5:15. In chapters 1-3 of Ephesians, Paul wrote about the Christian’s wealth in Christ. Christians have all spiritual blessings and spiritual riches in Christ. In chapters 4-6 of Ephesians, Paul wrote about the Christian’s walk in Christ.

If Christians want the spiritual blessings in Christ, they have to walk (live) a certain way. The spiritual wealth is conditioned upon the spiritual walk. So, to walk “carefully” is to live in such a way as to be receive the spiritual blessings in Christ.

Now consider the immediate context of Ephesians 5:15. Paul wrote about the two realms to walk

in – darkness and light; sin and righteous. Christians are not to walk as the world walks in the vanity of their mind (4:17). But, Christians are to walk in love (5:2), in light or truth (5:8), and in wisdom (8:15).

Note the words “wherefore” and “therefore” in Ephesians 4:1,17,25 and 5:1,7,15. These words show the connections between Ephesians 1-3 and Ephesians 4-6. The careful walk of the Christian is important to the over-all blessings of the Christians. So, how careful is your walk?

The word “carefully” (ASV) in Ephesians 5:15 comes from the Greek word *akribos* meaning “to weigh carefully or examine.” According to W.E. Vine, it means: “The word expressing the ‘accuracy’ which is the outcome of carefulness” (Page 10). You will find this word used in the following passages: Matthew 2:7,8,16; Luke 1:3; Acts 18:25; Ephesians